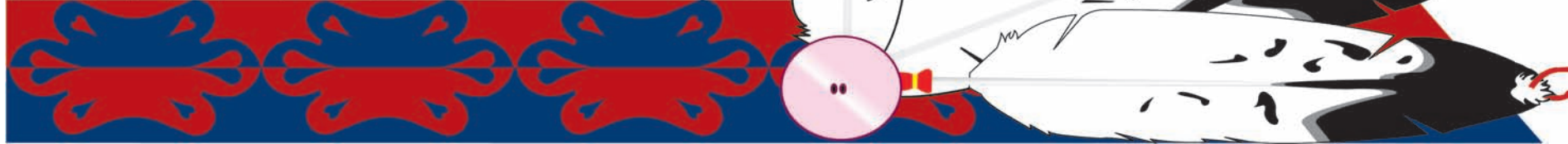


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## Hearing delayed for Green Bay man who shot sheriff deputy

Roberta Penass  
*Menominee Nation News*

A preliminary hearing for Peter J. Seymour has been postponed.

Seymour is accused of shooting Menominee County Sheriff Deputy Louis Moses III and faces charges on attempted intentional homicide.

Seymour's attorney John Williamson asked Oconto County Circuit Court Judge Larry Jeske for a postponement.

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## Hawpetoss Convicted of Child Sexual Assault

Submitted Article  
*US Department of Justice*

On June 22, 2005, a jury in Federal Court in Green Bay, Wisconsin convicted Robert Michael Hawpetoss, (DOB: 4/4/1940) of eight counts of sexual abuse. This case was tried before the Honorable William C. Griesbach, federal district court judge. Green Bay Division.

Five victims, ranging in age from 14 years to 41 years, testified about the sexual abuse they suffered at the hands of Hawpetoss.

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## 2nd Annual Woodland Boys and Girls Club Pow-Wow



R.Penass/Menominee Nation News

Grand entry for the Woodland Boy's & Girl's Club was led in by the Menominee Veterans. Inset Michael Fish jr.(l) Amanda Welk (r) were Head dancers for the powwow

Submitted Article  
*WoodLand Boys & Girls Club*

The Woodland Boys & Girls Club (WBGC) held their 2nd annual Meeting and Pow-wow on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 on the grounds of the Menominee Indian Middle School in Neopit. The weather was great for an outdoor event.

Over 200 people were in attendance. Supper began at 5:00 p.m. with the pow-wow and annual meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. Two members of the Woodland Boys & Girls Club, Michael Fish Jr., son of Shari and Michael Fish Sr., was the Head Male Dancer, and Amanda Welk, daughter of James and Dar Welk, was the Head Female Dancer. The Veteran's of he Menominee Nation were on hand to present the colors. There were three drums present. They were Spirit Bear, Wind Eagle and Wolf River.

## July 4th ends with a Bang

B. Penass/Menominee Nation News

The fireworks lit up the sky in Keshena on the 4th of July. Children and adults of all ages enjoyed the colorful display. The fireworks were held in the field in the powwow grounds. Blowing horns and *ooh's* and *ahh's* could be heard during the lighting of the sky.



received the title of WBGC Princess. Trevor Danforth son of Marla Belanger received the titled of the WBGC Brave. We look forward to these two representing us well in the coming year.

The WBGC appreciates the help of the Brave & Princess judges. They were: Davey Jean O'Kimosh-Reiter, Dr. Donna Powless, Margaret Snow, Alan Caldwell, Dave Nahwahquaw Grignon and Dave "Jonesy" Miller.

There were numerous door prizes for children as was as adults. We had four winners drawn for the WBGC Summer activities raffle. They were: 1st place- Rich O'Kimosh, Jr., 2nd.-Sherrole Benton, 3rd.-David Webster and 4th-Alex Komanekin. Congratulation to the winners.

Terri Wynos, TRAILS and Tessa James, Juvenile Court Advocate set up a booth inside the gym for their program.

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## **Hawpetoss continued from front pg.**

Hawpetoss with convicted of attempting to sexually assault a minor under the age of 12 years. This charge stemmed from an attempt by Hawpetoss to pull an eight year old girl into the woods on Max Martin road on the Menominee Indian Reservation in September of 1999 in an attempt to sexually assault her. The young girl was able to break free from Hawpetoss' grasp. She ran approximately two miles to a highway where two cars stopped to help her. Three citizen witnesses testified that they noticed the young girl running in a very remote area where it is not typical to see anyone, much less a young child. After taking the child to her home, the Menominee Tribal police were contacted. A search was conducted in the area of Max Martin road in an attempt to locate Hawpetoss. A canine was used in the search but lost the scent in the marsh.

It took more than five years to locate and arrest Hawpetoss. In January, 2002, Hawpetoss was arrested in Oregon but provided a false name, Gerome Calvin Biddel. It took Oregon police officers more than 9 hours to obtain Hawpetoss' fingerprints as he continued to fight their efforts to fingerprint him. Hawpetoss, unfortunately, was released prior to his true identity being discovered. He was later apprehended by the Oneida Tribal police on December 5, 2004.

Hawpetoss was also convicted for the sexual abuse of two children. These incidents of assault took place from 1985 through 1993. The victims, now adults, testified to the ongoing sexual abuse by Hawpetoss over many years. They also testified Hawpetoss told them he would kill them if they ever told anyone of the sexual abuse.

In addition the testimony of the charged victims, the jury heard from two additional victims Hawpetoss had assault in the mid-seventies. One testified that in approximately 1973, Hawpetoss sexually assault him on two occasions. Another testified that in approximately 1975, Hawpetoss sexually assault him on two occasions. These incidents were beyond the statute of limitations but they were allowed to testify to show Hawpetoss' propensity to commit sexual acts against young children. One boy had been threatened with a knife by Hawpetoss to remain silent.

Hawpetoss will be sentenced by Judge Griesebach on October 6, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in federal court in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Hawpetoss is facing the possibility of life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the FBI in Green Bay, Wisconsin with the assistance of the Menominee Tribal Police Department and the Menominee Sheriff's Department. This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Wisconsin by Assistant United States Attorneys Penny Fleming and Carol Kraft.

## **Hearing continued from front page**

John Williamson said something has come up which may effect his involvement with the case and with his representing Seymour.

Seymour's attorney said due to a potential conflict of interest he needed to discuss this with his client.

The new preliminary hearing is rescheduled for July 27, 2005 at 1:15 p.m in the Oconto County Court.

Moses and his canine was responding to a burglary alarm in the Berry Lake area, when Moses was shot.

After the F.B.I. investigated the shooting incident it was determined that the incident occurred

in Oconto County not on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

The attempted first degree intentional homicide carries a prison term not to exceed 60 years.

A \$750,000 cash bond was carried over.